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The Honorable Bob Stump  
Ranking Minority Member  
Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Stump:

In response to your 8 February 1985 request to the Director for Agency comments on H.R. 1082, the Omnibus Intelligence and Security Improvements Act (the "Act"), the Agency has prepared a detailed views letter on your bill which is presently awaiting Administration clearance at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In the interim, I want to convey to you the Agency's support for the thrust of your proposed legislation and our appreciation of your thoughtful and comprehensive efforts to provide needed improvements in our intelligence capabilities.

With respect to the bill's specific proposals we cannot fully comment on these initiatives, with one exception, until our views letter is coordinated with other Executive Branch agencies. This one exception concerns our views on Title VII which have been approved by OMB and are set forth below in more detail.

Before addressing Title VII, let me just briefly comment on Title IV of the bill. The Administration is anxious to address the general issue of unauthorized disclosure of classified information and will do so in the near future. Specific proposals in this area are presently under consideration and will require careful high-level Administration review. You will be immediately apprised once an Administration decision is reached on this important issue.

As to Title VII, we strongly support the intent of this provision to provide expedited naturalization procedures for individuals making critical contributions to the national security of the United States. Enclosed is a modified version of this title which has been approved by OMB for transmittal to the Hill and will most likely be included in the proposed



Intelligence Authorization Bill, which you will shortly receive. In the enclosed version, we recommend retaining the present decision-making process embodied in Section 7 of the 1949 CIA Act in which the Director of Central Intelligence, the Attorney General, and the Commissioner of Immigration jointly exercise this authority. We also would place no arbitrary numerical limitations on the exercise of this authority in a given year.

Again, we very much appreciate your efforts to assist the Intelligence Community through the introduction of this piece of legislation and we look forward to working with you in seeking its enactment. Our more detailed comments on your proposed bill will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive Administration clearance.

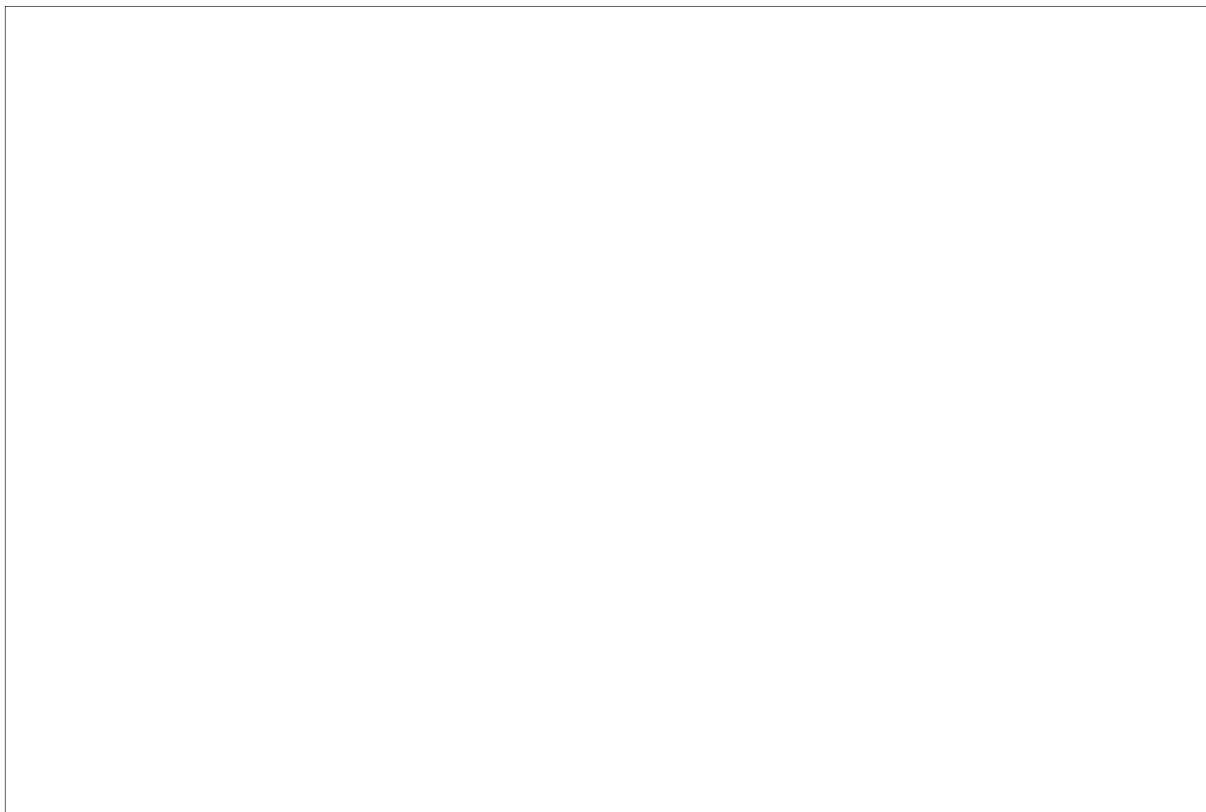
Sincerely,



Executive Director

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Enclosure:  
Modified version of Title VII



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